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J.V. HOCKEY AND BASKETBALL TEAMS WINNERS AT LOYOLA

Loyola College can look forward to the possibility of good Varsity Hockey and Basketball teams for some years to come.

Not only have the Varsity teams been fortunate enough to rack up outstanding records this season but Loyola Junior Varsity Basketball and Hockey clubs are also setting their respective leagues on fire.

The Loyola Basketball Braves, like the Varsity Warriors boast and perfect 6-0 record. The J.V. Hockey squad has won seven and tied one of their eight encounters and are presently in a tie for first place with the University of Montreal.

The J.V. teams have served a dual purpose in the developing of talent for the Varsity teams and are giving underclassmen a chance to learn by playing instead of sitting on the bench with the Varsity.

The J.V. program at Loyola started only recently and already it has shown big dividends for the Varsity Basketball and Hockey clubs.

For instance Coach Dave Draper of the Hockey Warriors has brought up no less than five J.V.'s this season to fill vacancies caused by injuries. One player defenceman John Donnelly is up to stay with the Varsity club.

Others who have seen action are Center, John Hutton, Dan McCann, Gerry Labelle, Mike Thomassin. Another who Junior Varsity Coach Nick Ardanaz (as well as Draper) feels has Varsity potential is Defenceman Barclay Watt.

Top scorers on the J.V. team are Hutton and McCann.

The two along with linemate Labelle make up the most productive line in the seven team league. The J.V. team, bolstered by four Varsity players tied the powerful Boston University squad 3-3 in a non-league game in early January - a fine feat indeed.

Loyola's Junior Varsity program is certainly a big help to Varsity teams. At least four of last year's J.V's. are regulars on the Varsity team this year - Denny Maloney, Bill Doyle, Bob Jastremski and Bernie Austin.

The Basketball J.V's. had their problems last year winning only two of their ten games but it's a different story this season.

Coach Doug Daigneault's talent rich Varsity squad sent players that in any other year would be good enough to make the varsity to the J.V's for more seasoning.

Two of the J.V.'s however have since impressed Daigneault enough to deserve a second chance at Varsity. John McCallum and John Williams were recently escalated to the Varsity.

Three of the stars on the Junior Varsity team this year are local boys - Peter and Mike Mullins, Loyola High School stars and Sophomore Dave Roach, a graduate of St. Thomas where Rozzi coached two years ago.

The other outstanding players are Jim O'Brien, Gerry Walsh and Paul Matheson.

There are only two sophmores on the team, the others are all freshmen.

"One thing about our team," says Rozzi. "There is no one particular player we have to count on. They are all good scorers."

The Loyola J.V.'s have hit the century mark three times in their six games. They boast an average of 95.4 points per game and the defense has allowed only 47 points a game.

"The key to our success," says Rozzi. "Is that we have many young, dedicated athletes that love the game. You just can't give them enough practice."